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MDAQMD WELCOMES FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



CHANGES - Governing Board Member and Adelanto Mayor Charlie Glasper (right) listens intently as TXI Foreman Dave Salzborn explains recent modifications made to the plant. TAC Member Nancy Jackson of SCE (background) observes materials being moved on conveyor belts.



SAFETY FIRST - On April 29, the group donned proper safety gear before entering work areas of Pacific Gas & Electric's Topock Compressor Station.

The MDAQMD is proud to welcome a record five new members to its Governing Board for 2009. San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Neil Derry, City of Twentynine Palms Councilmember John Cole, City of Barstow Mayor Joe Gomez, Town of Yucca Valley Councilmember Lori Herbel and City of Needles Mayor Jeff Williams were sworn in during the January 26 Governing Board meeting.

A tour to acquaint new and returning Board members with regulated facilities within the MDAQMD's jurisdiction was held on April 29th and 30th. Technical Advisory Committee and Hearing Board members joined Board Members as they toured High Desert Power Project in Victorville, TXI Riverside Cement in Oro Grande, Ft. Irwin National Training Center, Pacific Gas & Electric's Topock Station in Needles, and headed for home after touring the Metropolitan Water District's Gene Pumping Plant at Parker Dam, California.



LAST STOP ~ Governing Board, Hearing Board and TAC Members passed Parker Dam enroute to the Metropolitan Water District's Gene Pumping Plant- the final stop before returning to the District's offices in Victorville.

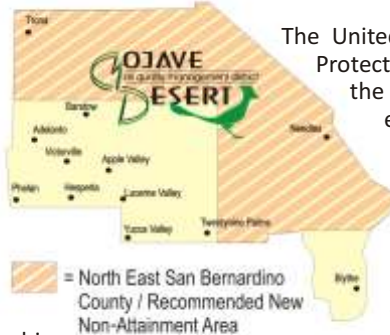
Above: Members view the lower shaft of an electric motor which is part of the circuit to transfer water from Havasu to the Los Angeles area.

STATE ADOPTS RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE MD OZONE NON-ATTAINMENT AREA DESIGNATIONS

On February 26, 2009, the California Air Resources Board adopted a recommendation to change the federal ozone designation for a substantial portion of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District from unclassified/attainment to non-attainment. This action was triggered by the recent reduction in the federal eight-hour ozone standard to 75 parts per billion (from 84 parts per billion), and by the fact that ozone readings measured in Trona during the last three years, were found to be in exceedance of the new standard. The new proposed design value for Trona is 80 parts per billion.

The proposed new federal ozone non-attainment area is that portion of San Bernardino County not currently classified as non-attainment for ozone, including Amboy, Baker, Cadiz, Mountain Pass, Needles, Parker Dam, Vidal Junction, most of the Mojave National Preserve, Fort Irwin, the Naval Air

Weapons Station at China Lake South Range, and Trona. The Palo Verde Valley portion of Riverside County is not affected by the proposed action.



The United States Environmental Protection Agency must review the State's proposal and is expected to take formal action by March 2010, which will start a planning clock for District actions. These actions include an attainment plan and the implementation of Reasonably Available

Control Technology on major sources of ozone precursors (oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds) in the new non-attainment area. This means major sources located in these areas could expect to see new air quality rules that apply to boilers, internal combustion engines, turbines and other equipment.

For more information on the proposed designation revision or its potential impacts, contact Supervising AQ Engineer Alan De Salvio at (760) 245-1661 ext. 6726.